

ON A LITTLE ISLAND.

The Center of the Vast Empire Whose Morning Drumbeat Follows the Sun.

Complexity of English Life—Peculiarities of Speech—The Importance of the County—The Niagara of England—The Rainy Island—A Universal Vice—England No Longer the Workshop of the World.

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NE Yankee has been to England and has set out his opinion of the country. He says that he had to be "mighty keen" or you would wake up one morning into the sun. Yet this little island is the center of the vast empire whose "morning drumbeat" follows the sun in its course, and is of considerable importance, if it does not occupy a very large space on the map.

The traveler soon learns that there is considerable complexity. In the 40 Counties there are districts as widely different as any two States in the Union. The Connecticut Yankee and the Georgia planter could not be more unlike than the natives of two adjoining Counties. Taught the same books and separated by only a few miles, yet the people preserve those peculiarities which have existed for centuries.

It is a never-ending source of amusement to notice the peculiarities of speech in the various provinces. The obscurest traveler can soon learn to recognize persons from the different provinces by localisms in speech. One is soon convinced that the language is capable of a wonderful variation in pronunciation. To hear them all together would sound like another babel of tongues.

It is a fact that the residents of different Counties frequently find it difficult to understand one another. The Americans who would suddenly find himself on the fens of the east coast, or among the miners of Cornwall, would be obliged to resort considerably to the language in order to make himself understood. The Americans are said to speak English better than the English themselves, and some of the Irish to speak it best of all.

The County in England partakes of the importance of the State in America, both in common affairs and Government. True, there is not so much power vested in a County Council as in a State Legislature, yet its importance is considerable, for its population may be greater than that of the majority of States. In common life the County is of great significance. Meet a man anywhere and he will proudly in-

form you that he is a native of such a County. Loyalty is centered there around the Shire rather than even a city.

The districts vary greatly in enterprise. Manufacturing centers are somewhat modernized, while the agricultural districts are still where their forefathers left them a century ago. They use the same implements, live in the same quaint thatched-roof cottages, and generally wear the same kind of machinery as the remainder of the country.

Conservation there has indeed reached a very high stage. To the Transatlantic tourist, however, it is just this side which presents the greatest attraction. The English are said to be the "oldest in the country" you are told. Everyone will quote history and describe architecture as if he were bred in them.

Enter some old structure and a venerable worthy will approach and offer a service. Just drop a few pence in his hand and he will warm up to the subject according to the amount bestowed.

For a good opportunity to exercise the imagination let the traveler take a trip through the valleys of one of the northern border Counties. Here were the scenes of the border wars of centuries between the Scots and English.

High up on the mountains can be seen old forts, watch-towers, and the ruins of old monastic institutions. Below are the tumble-down cottages once occupied by retainers of the powerful Chiefs. The railroad is about the only modern innovation to be seen, and it seems out of place. It would be more in harmony with the surroundings to take a boat on the outside of a "coach and four" and go galloping along to the "toot" of the coachman's horn. Few railroads run through some parts, and the coachman, in his picturesque red coat, still plus his trunk and remains a reminder of by-gone days.

The two extreme northwestern Counties, Cumberland and Westmorland, include what is termed the Lake District, which is about 50 miles in extent each way. In this district is found England's prettiest natural scenery, to which every Englishman points with pride. Here is situated the English Alps, as well as English Niagara. The originals need not fear a comparison. The highest peak only brings one a little more than 3,000 feet nearer the celestial regions, and the Falls of Lodore is a comparatively small waterfall of 100 feet, notwithstanding the fact that Sney has been described as "a wonderful roar" in a poem with which every school boy is familiar.

Yet because the sublimity of the Alps or the awesomeness of Niagara is absent is no argument

looking as if Nature had laughed herself into the convulsions in which they were made. Next to the seaside this is the favorite holiday resort of the English. The whole district is beautiful and historic, and abounds in places where the residences or now the burial places of eminent literary persons. The accommodations are excellent. Every few miles can be found a well-furnished hotel or a comfortable wayside inn, where the weary traveler can rest himself. The great drawback is the rain.

England is noted as the rainy island, but growth of some Lancashire or Yorkshire towns. Where a few years ago was only a small village a busy, thriving town is now standing. Everything is solid and substantial, too, with stone houses and good, solid streets. Everything in England seems to be built to outlast even time itself.

The cities of Manchester and Liverpool are busy ones, indeed. Yet in appearance of business portions, and in many respects, they are not unlike some of the American towns of much less importance. Except in the

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This is the "rainiest" of all. Forty days and nights of continual rain is sometimes lengthened into many more.

For agricultural purposes the entire north of England is of little practical importance. Save for a few market towns the districts are sparsely inhabited, except on the coast. Sheep-raising is the principal occupation of the farmers. Some game preserves are also scattered over the Counties.

Minor manufactures are carried on in some of the interior towns. Minerals abound everywhere, and employ a large population in the coal towns. Coal is found in almost every part in very thick veins, and in Cumberland County iron is very abundant. The largest steel furnaces in England are on that coast.

The appearance at night is somewhat weird. Far and wide the sky is illumined by the livid, darting flames from furnaces. It seems as if a legion of fire-breeds were at work at Vulcan's forges.

To the inhabitants the fires burn far less of the romantic. For the ironworker those fires mean bread and meat for the "misses and bairns" at home. When they are out, as they now are, there is consequent distress. Many of the largest works are now closed, and some are moving their plants to America. They claim it is impossible to compete with the prohibitive tariffs of other countries.

Coal-mining is carried on extensively in each of the northern Counties. The whole of the country seems to be underlain by coal veins of great thickness. When one considers the amount of coal used by the English ships, together with that used in every other way, the output must be something enormous for the size of the country. One would naturally think that the whole of the country would soon be undermined. Yet the supply seems inexhaustible. One large mine, it is said, runs out under the sea five miles, and they are still working it.

The miners are a rough class of people. Until the special legislation of a few years ago their condition was truly deplorable. The position was not bad, yet they are a sullen, ruthless class, quick to cause trouble. They seldom look beyond the immediate necessities of the moment, and in case of slack work distress soon appears.

Not much can be expected from such a class. From early youth till age renders them useless at least one-third of their time is spent under the ground in blacked midnight. Certain it is they do not exceed expectations as to good attainments.

Cumberland, Northumberland, Durham, and Westmorland are the extreme northern Counties. Joining these on the south are the Counties of Lancashire and Yorkshire.

Yorkshire is the largest County by far in the State. It also is a manufacturing district, and woolen goods are the staples. Shipping is an important industry, and a large proportion of the population are seafaring.

In fact, all these Counties, except Westmorland, have extensive sea coast and support a large population of fishermen and sailors. In short, in England the sea is first and foremost. Everything begins and ends with it. The British has brought England to its present high position, and it is on the sea that England's prestige must remain. Compelled by circumstances to depend on foreign trade, the support, the favorite motto that "trade follows the flag" has grown to have some real meaning.

For the mill hands of Lancashire and part of Yorkshire live very little to commend. Seldom is a good word spoken for them in any other part of the country. They are of all classes the rudest and apparently most undisciplined.

All wear cloth-shoes; that is, shoes with iron-bound wooden soles. The click-click of thousands of these shoes on the stone pavement under the wheels of the mill is a deafening noise, and it is a sure cure for nervousness, headache and other complaints needing something soothing.

The simple matter of dogs and other roughness in dress would be excusable were not their manners in accordance with the position of the street to another. A mob will congregate at any place in an incredibly short time, and the narrow street is impassable. Men, women, girls, and children all help to swell the motley gatherings.

Drink is the almost universal vice. Any evening can be seen scores of drunken men, and an almost equal number of staggering women on the streets. They congregate around the bar and toss off the fiery liquid with as much apparent relish as the stronger sex. There is no danger from arrest for drunkenness here, unless some disturbance is created.

The English workman does not seem to have that feeling of importance so characteristic of the American. The one-man-one-vote theory, if it does nothing else, at least adds a feeling of personal importance to the voter. The American laborer is a gentleman in the evening at least, while the mill hand here is a carouser or at least plus some frequent.

At present the state of trade in the iron, steel, and cotton goods trades is not bright. Nearly all over England there is more or less depression in trade. Crisis seems to be approaching in many manufacturing industries of the country. England is no longer the "workshop of the world," as the enthusiastic delight to speak of their country. The Western Counties and the English colonies themselves are producing their own manufactures and waging a war of tariffs against outside competitors. The combined influence of a number of these unfavorable conditions has had a severe effect on the country, which must depend on foreign trade almost exclusively. The hopeful are prophesying that trade will spring up from other quarters. Whether it will or not time only will determine.

N. O. WINTER.

Their Fate.

Mrs. Snuggs, I suppose, the dog catcher, drowns his victims, doesn't he?

Snuggs—Yes; the dark waters of the rivers now close over many a stranded bark.

SONS OF VETERANS.

News from the Various Divisions. Elections of Officers, etc.

HEADQUARTERS BULLETIN.

Division Encampments—Memorial Day—Disbanded Camps.

HEADQUARTERS CAMP—CHIEF.

General Order, No. 4.

Once more the attention of members of the Order is called to the duty of honoring the memory of those who fought for the preservation of our Union. All of the brothers should assist in the proper observance of Memorial Day.

On that day the thoughts of all the people of this great country will be concentrated upon the heroic deeds of our patriotic fathers who gave to this country a new birth of freedom; and these thoughts will find expression in the information paid to the old soldiers who are still with us, and the flowers strewn upon the dust resting-places of those who have responded to the last rest.

We should not fail in showing our appreciation of the sacrifices made by our fathers in the defense of our country, and we should be proud to be the people of this country that we are worthy of our noble sires, and that within our midst the best blood of our country is still flowing, and that the same patriotic love for our glorious Union.

3. Division Encampments will be held as follows: Colorado, July 4, 5 and 6, at Pueblo; Indiana, July 6, 7 and 8, at Fort Wayne; Iowa, May 18 and 19, at Waterloo; Illinois, June 20, at Bushnell; Maine, June 8 and 9, at Belfast; Maryland, June 14 and 15, at Frederick; Michigan, June 7 and 8, at Battle Creek; Minnesota, June 11 and 12, at Worthington; Wisconsin, June 21 and 22, at Oshkosh.

4. The following Camps have voluntarily surrendered their charters: Iowa, No. 30, at Charleston; 150, at Oakland; 222, at Grant; 230, at Corvallis; Kansas, No. 59, at Olathe; 127, at Atchison; Illinois, No. 115, at Canton; 265, at Viola.

5. The charters of the following Camps have been revoked for failure to make reports and pay per capita tax: Colorado, Nos. 4, 5, 6 and 10, of Colorado; No. 1, of New Mexico; No. 1, of Arizona; No. 1, of New York; No. 7, 8, 11, 14, 15, 20, 28, 33, 35, 39, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

THE DIVISIONS.

ALABAMA AND TENNESSEE.

THE NEW COMMANDER, W. D. GOOD, HAS ASSUMED COMMAND OF THIS DIVISION AND APPOINTED THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS: CHIEF, W. D. GOOD; SECRETARY, J. S. ESKIN; CAMP 23, ADJUTANT, CHARLES LAMON; CAMP 12, Q. M., O. B. LORANT; CAMP 12, INSPECTOR, H. L. VANDY; CAMP 12, ADVISOR, H. L. REAP; CAMP 12, JUDGE-ADVOCATE, W. B. HUNT; CAMP 12, CLERK, J. S. ESKIN.

MISSOURI.

FRANK KNECHTER, SECRETARY, SAVANNAH: REUNION, 14th, 5th, 6th, 9th Mo., 11th, 12th Mo., 13th Mo., 14th Mo., 15th Mo., 16th Mo., 17th Mo., 18th Mo., 19th Mo., 20th Mo., 21st Mo., 22nd Mo., 23rd Mo., 24th Mo., 25th Mo., 26th Mo., 27th Mo., 28th Mo., 29th Mo., 30th Mo., 31st Mo., 32nd Mo., 33rd Mo., 34th Mo., 35th Mo., 36th Mo., 37th Mo., 38th Mo., 39th Mo., 40th Mo., 41st Mo., 42nd Mo., 43rd Mo., 44th Mo., 45th Mo., 46th Mo., 47th Mo., 48th Mo., 49th Mo., 50th Mo., 51st Mo., 52nd Mo., 53rd Mo., 54th Mo., 55th Mo., 56th Mo., 57th Mo., 58th Mo., 59th Mo., 60th Mo., 61st Mo., 62nd Mo., 63rd Mo., 64th Mo., 65th Mo., 66th Mo., 67th Mo., 68th Mo., 69th Mo., 70th Mo., 71st Mo., 72nd Mo., 73rd Mo., 74th Mo., 75th Mo., 76th Mo., 77th Mo., 78th Mo., 79th Mo., 80th Mo., 81st Mo., 82nd Mo., 83rd Mo., 84th Mo., 85th Mo., 86th Mo., 87th Mo., 88th Mo., 89th Mo., 90th Mo., 91st Mo., 92nd Mo., 93rd Mo., 94th Mo., 95th Mo., 96th Mo., 97th Mo., 98th Mo., 99th Mo., 100th Mo., 101st Mo., 102nd Mo., 103rd Mo., 104th Mo., 105th Mo., 106th Mo., 107th Mo., 108th Mo., 109th Mo., 110th Mo., 111th Mo., 112th Mo., 113th Mo., 114th Mo., 115th Mo., 116th Mo., 117th Mo., 118th Mo., 119th Mo., 120th Mo., 121st Mo., 122nd Mo., 123rd Mo., 124th Mo., 125th Mo., 126th Mo., 127th Mo., 128th Mo., 129th Mo., 130th Mo., 131st Mo., 132nd Mo., 133rd Mo., 134th Mo., 135th Mo., 136th Mo., 137th Mo., 138th Mo., 139th Mo., 140th Mo., 141st Mo., 142nd Mo., 143rd Mo., 144th Mo., 145th Mo., 146th Mo., 147th Mo., 148th Mo., 149th Mo., 150th Mo., 151st Mo., 152nd Mo., 153rd Mo., 154th Mo., 155th Mo., 156th Mo., 157th Mo., 158th Mo., 159th Mo., 160th Mo., 161st Mo., 162nd Mo., 163rd Mo., 164th Mo., 165th Mo., 166th Mo., 167th Mo., 168th Mo., 169th Mo., 170th Mo., 171st Mo., 172nd Mo., 173rd Mo., 174th Mo., 175th Mo., 176th Mo., 177th Mo., 178th Mo., 179th Mo., 180th Mo., 181st Mo., 182nd Mo., 183rd Mo., 184th Mo., 185th Mo., 186th Mo., 187th Mo., 188th Mo., 189th Mo., 190th Mo., 191st Mo., 192nd Mo., 193rd Mo., 194th Mo., 195th Mo., 196th Mo., 197th Mo., 198th Mo., 199th Mo., 200th Mo., 201st Mo., 202nd Mo., 203rd Mo., 204th Mo., 205th Mo., 206th Mo., 207th Mo., 208th Mo., 209th Mo., 210th Mo., 211st Mo., 212nd Mo., 213th Mo., 214th Mo., 215th Mo., 216th Mo., 217th Mo., 218th Mo., 219th Mo., 220th Mo., 221st Mo., 222nd Mo., 223rd Mo., 224th Mo., 225th Mo., 226th Mo., 227th Mo., 228th Mo., 229th Mo., 230th Mo., 231st Mo., 232nd Mo., 233rd Mo., 234th Mo., 235th Mo., 236th Mo., 237th Mo., 238th Mo., 239th Mo., 240th Mo., 241st Mo., 242nd Mo., 243rd Mo., 244th Mo., 245th Mo., 246th Mo., 247th Mo., 248th Mo., 249th Mo., 250th Mo., 251st Mo., 252nd Mo., 253rd Mo., 254th Mo., 255th Mo., 256th Mo., 257th Mo., 258th Mo., 259th Mo., 260th Mo., 261st Mo., 262nd Mo., 263rd Mo., 264th Mo., 265th Mo., 266th Mo., 267th Mo., 268th Mo., 269th Mo., 270th Mo., 271st Mo., 272nd Mo., 273rd Mo., 274th Mo., 275th Mo., 276th Mo., 277th Mo., 278th Mo., 279th Mo., 280th Mo., 281st Mo., 282nd Mo., 283rd Mo., 284th Mo., 285th Mo., 286th Mo., 287th Mo., 288th Mo., 289th Mo., 290th Mo., 291st Mo., 292nd Mo., 293rd Mo., 294th Mo., 295th Mo., 296